



## HANCOCK v. MCG.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1838.

[Our Washington Correspondent's Letter of the 12th, due yesterday, has not yet reached us, and to fill the vacuum thus made, we have copied from the New York Express the letter of its correspondent of that date.]

MR. TALLMADGE. MR. RIVES.

Washington, Dec. 13, 1838.  
"Buy the Books in the Library, &c., & send  
the Postage Paid."

The fourth payment of the fourth instalment is, to day, the subject-matter of one of the most interesting discussions heard for a year past in the Senate.—The speakers being Messrs. Clay, Tallmadge, Rivers, Preston, Calhoun, Wright, and Benton; the chief-tains of both parties were among the speakers. All spoke without preparation, the debate springing up unexpectedly to all. Mr. Tallmadge took a bold and a very positive stand. His speech was most eloquently in the defence of the distribution bill, and especially of the manner in which the share of the Surplus given to the Empire State had been disposed of. What a difference could but remark when Mr. Tallmadge was thundering forth his odds against the administration, shaming the hypocrisy of Gen. Jackson upon the subject of distributing the public money among the States, what a difference between Mr. Tallmadge now and Mr. Tallmadge arrayed upon the side of the administration, then it was that a veil of thick darkness seemed to be before the eyes of the Senator. Though judgment, reflection, opinion, everything that went to make up the man, were cramped and suffering for freedom. Now at a glance one sees that the mind of the man is unfeathered, and therefore it is that he is not what he was. "He is a free man—*the truth makes free*," was a wise saying of an ancient.

Mr. Tallmadge is one of this class of freemen, like all party men he abandoned his old friends with reluctance, but he abandoned them just as soon as he saw that the will of the Executive was inexorable, and no sooner. He deserted his party because their practices were a lie upon their promises, and because, while they always "gave the word of promise to the ear, they broke it to the hope." Mr. Tallmadge is thoroughly and unequivocally an opponent of the administration, and as much so as Henry Clay or Dan'l Webster. The oath is upon him, eternal hostility, and he has no wish to remove it. "May he be re-elected to the United States Senate?" I believe is almost the unanimous wish of every Whig in Congress.

Mr. Rivers, too, has taken a noble stand. He is where he was, "against the Sub-Treasury, against the Experiments of the Administration, against Mr. Van Buren."

Mr. Clay is the author of the text at the head of my letter. He uttered it in debate to-day, and is as applicable to your New York "Hydrostatic Balances and Siding Drawers" establishment that I have made it my text. Stop such leaks as Swartwout and Price have made in the Treasury, and there will be no necessity for the buying off of the Government in the payment of its debts. Mr. Clay grows young as he becomes old. Today he was as eloquent and interesting as ever, and showed himself quite equal to the task of again meeting and overruling, if necessary, the giant man from the South.

Mr. Benton, the man of "nerve and stomach," sides his letter of thanks for his re-election to the United States Senate, oh—wed himself quite a Richmond in the field upon his side of the question. Let me give you an extract from his speech, and one of his quotations: Mr. President I am of the opinion of Lord Chancellor Buller, who said upon one occasion to Queen Birsheath that "the pockets of the people were the safest and cheapest Treasures." Put this with Mr. Benton's people, and Mr. Benton's notions of the Sub-Treasury Scheme, and Sub-Treasury men, and the interpretation is that the officers of the Government are the People, and "the pockets" of the Executives' officers "are the obnoxious and avaricious Sub-Treasurers." Mr. Price and Mr. Swartwout, and Measurers, the little army of lately published defaulters are good illustrations.

We grow'd the Negligent, & the Indolent today than I have seen, since he carried his Southern men and Southern principles over to the support of "the man with Southern feelings." To-day he spoke many more words of himself, and in favor of himself, than would become a modest man. Mr. Preston he aimed a blow at, but it was not very direct, or very much to the point. "Alas, how are the mighty fallen!" Mr. Calhoun—surprised to-day by Mr. Niles; of Conn., and Mr. Brown, of N. C. Mr. Wright made a little speech, which was strong, wise, and to the purpose. He is a strong man, with not so much mind as John C. Calhoun, but with a great deal more sagacity and good sense.

The discussion upon the proposition to propose the payment of the Fourth Instalment will be resumed on Monday, to which time the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 1838.  
[Correspondence of the Whig & Courier.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1838.

The Senate, I omitted to mention, in my letter of yesterday, adjourned over till next Monday.

I may tell the surplus postponed question when they meet it, after a good deal of talking. Merely you for postponing the fourth instalment indefinitely, that is, retaining it altogether; a move, for which his own State must feel under peculiar and additional obligations to him, considering that it has already advanced the whole of its portion of this money, for internal improvements within its borders!

Clay's proposition, to postpone for another year, was nobly maintained, and I suppose of Preston, Tallmadge, and Rivers were very able and forcible. The thing lies over till Monday, when, also, the land bill graduation bill comes up.

Mr. B. and Mr. Johnson, also, were very well, and Mr. Ward C. Davis, Mr. Dix, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Wm. H. Keeler, Mr. T. L. King, Mr. D. T. Parker, Mr. J. H. Smith, and the doublet-wearers, in a body, the King.

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